मारे गए, 1131 व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया, 1548 व्यक्तियों पर मुकदमा चलाया गया, 54 व्यक्तियों को सजा दी गई और 5.10 करोड़ रु० का माल जब्त किया गया। सरकार द्वारा किए गए विभिन्न उपायों के परिणामस्वरूप कुछ समय से कुछ अनाजों, दालों, सब्जियों, लाल मिर्च, चाय, चीनी गुड़, खाद्य तेलों, मिट्टी के तेल और नमक के मूल्य में नरमी का रुख आया है।

Sale of ration in open market

1975. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ration, such as wheat, rice, sugar are being sold into the open market from the Fair Price Shops based in M.Ps' flat areas; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such Fair Price Shops doing so and action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has reported that there are two Fair Price Shops (FPS) functioning in the M.Ps Flats areas viz North Avenue and South Avenue. Officials of Food, Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department of Delhi Administration conducted inspections of these and other shops in the area during the last four months. Following these inspections, departmental action has been initiated against one FPS holder for irregularities observed in its working.

Strengthening of the Public Ditribution System

1976. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by Government to strengthen and improve the Public Distribution System during the last six months till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that the revamped Public Distribution System has not been functioning satisfactory; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The Central Government in consultation with the State Governments, identified about 1700 Blocks, which are covered by various area specific programmes such as Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) and Designated Hill Areas (DHA) to improve the reach of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in those areas. The State Governments proposed to open additional fair price shops; issue additional ration cards to cover the uncovered population; eliminate bogus cards/units; initiate steps for delivery of PDS items at the door-steps of fair price shops and create additional storage capacity for improving Public Distribution System in these identified areas. As per the reports furnished by the State Governments till 30-4-92, 7002 additional fair price shops have been opened, 10.6 lakhs additional ration cards issued, more than 37 million bogus units detected/ eliminated and about 38,150 tonnes of storage capacity created or hired by the State Governments.

The Central Government and the State Governments keep monitoring the progress made in the revamped PDS and appropriate measures are taken by the Government. In the Budget estimates for 1992-93, a provision of Rs. 250 crores has been made on account of additional subsidy and the cost of construction of godowns in the identified areas.